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NORTON TO ATTEND COLORADO COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS QUARTERLY MEETING

*Including tours of the Leonard C. Burch (LCB) Administration Building and
Sierra Group Growth Fund Building*

(IGNACIO) – Lieutenant Governor Jane Norton will chair a quarterly meeting of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, September 16, in Ignacio. Also scheduled are tours of the Leonard C. Burch (LCB) Administration Building, the recently opened facility housing the Southern Ute tribal leadership, and Sierra Group Growth Fund Building, currently under construction to house the investment group of the Southern Ute Tribe.

The Commission meeting agenda will include an introduction from Dr. Brad Bartel, the newly appointed president of Fort Lewis College. Fort Lewis works closely with the Tribe and allows students of American Indian descent to attend the college tuition free. Susan A. Lavin, Regional Director of the U.S. Census Bureau will also address the Commission with an update on the American Community Survey and the involvement of the American Indian tribes.

There are eleven members of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, including the Lieutenant Governor, the executive directors of the department of human services, public health and environment, natural resources and local affairs; two official representatives each from Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes and two at-large members who were selected by the commission. Other state agencies serve as ex-officio members to provide advice and guidelines on the agencies' federal or state obligations affecting American Indians.

The Commission will meet at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Reservation, Leonard C. Burch Administration Building at 356 Ouray Drive in the Multipurpose Room on the second floor. For more information please contact Karen Wilde Rogers at (303) 866.3027 or at Karen.Wilde-Rogers@state.co.us.

In 1976, the Colorado General Assembly created, within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs. It was designed to be the official liaison between the two Ute Tribes and the State of Colorado. Since its inception, the Commission has worked with the two Ute Indian Tribes in Colorado and the off-reservation American Indian people who live in Colorado.

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